

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1 - 31. (Canceled)

32. (New) A method for distributed image processing, comprising:

receiving both image data and image related data regarding user images from a user computer, the image data being pre-processed by a user on the user computer and in a binary large objects format, the image related data comprising an image description, an image capture date, and an image price;

storing the received image data and the received image related data in a host database;

providing a customer computer access to the stored image data and the stored image related data;

receiving an image request for a subset of the user images from the customer computer;

adding a JPEG header to the stored image data for each of the requested user images to generate modified image data for each of the requested user images;

transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data for each of the requested user images to the customer computer; and

transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data to an image laboratory.

33. (New) A method for distributed image processing, comprising:

receiving both image data and image related data regarding user images from a user computer, the image data being manipulated by a user on the user computer and in a binary large objects format the image related data comprising at least one of an image description, an image capture date, and an image price;

storing the received image data and the received image related data in a host database;

sending the stored image related data to a customer computer;

receiving an image request for a subset of the user images from the customer computer;

changing the format of the requested user images by adding a JPEG header to the stored image data for each of the requested user images to generate modified image data for each of the requested user images; and

transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data for each of the requested user images to a remote location.

34. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data comprises transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data to an image laboratory.

35. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data comprises transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data to an image output device.

36. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data comprises transmitting both the modified image data and the stored image related data to the customer computer.

37. (New) A system for distributed image processing, comprising:

- a user computer, the user computer storing image data regarding user images manipulated by a user with the user computer, the image data being in the form of binary large objects;

- at least one customer computer; and

- a host site in communication with the user computer, the at least one customer computer, and the image laboratory;

- wherein the host site is adapted to:

- receive both the image data and image related data from the user computer, the image related data comprising at least one of an image description, an image capture date, and an image price;

- store the received image data and the received image related data in a host database;

- provide the at least one customer computer access to the stored image data and the stored image related data

- receive an image request for a subset of the user images from the at least one customer computer;

- add a JPEG header to the stored image data for each of the requested user images to generate modified image data for each of the requested user images; and

- transmit both the modified image data and the stored image related data for each of the requested user images to the at least one customer computer.

38. (New) The system of Claim 37, wherein the host site is further adapted to transmit both the modified image data and the stored image related data for each of the requested user images to an image laboratory.